

Appl. No. 10/670,980
Amdt. dated September 13, 2005
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Remarks/Arguments

1. Introduction

Applicants note with appreciation the finding of allowable subject matter recited in claims 1, 3-9, 11, and 16-20. To expedite prosecution of the present patent application, Applicants have amended claim 10 to include the subject matter of claim 11 that was considered allowable. As a result, Applicants respectfully contend that claim 10, as amended, defines an invention suitable for patent protection.

Further, Applicants have added dependent claims 21-23. Considering that dependent claims 21-23 include all of the features of the independent claims from which they depend, dependent claims 21-23 are patentable to the extent that the independent claims are patentable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully contend that dependent claims 21-23 define an invention suitable for patent protection.

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Applicants respectfully request examination in view of the
remarks. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

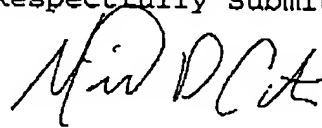
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